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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL  
EXAMINERS  
DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

DAVID C. HOPPS, D.V.M.

TO PRACTICE VETERINARY  
MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN  
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Administrative Action

ORDER

This matter was brought before the New Jersey Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on or about May 26, 1993, by Robert J. Del Tufo, Attorney General of New Jersey, Brenda Talbot Lewis, Deputy Attorney General, appearing, for the revocation of the license of David C. Hopps, D.V.M., to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in this State. The Board has considered the exhibits and makes the following findings of fact.

Respondent David C. Hopps, D.V.M. is licensed to

practice veterinary medicine and surgery in this State and, to the best of the Board's knowledge, last practiced at Pinelands Veterinary Clinic, RD 2, Box 2008, Mount Holly, New Jersey. On or about April 18, 1991, the Board received a report that Dr. Hopps had been arrested by the Economic Crimes Unit of the Office of the Prosecutor of Burlington County, New Jersey, and charged with Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition of Property Received. Specifically, Dr. Hopps was charged with converting to his own use payroll deductions taken from the salaries of five of his employees from 1986 until the date of his arrest. It was further alleged that he had failed to pay required New Jersey sales taxes. In a formal statement taken from Dr. Hopps on the day of his arrest, he admitted these charges.

On or about October 19, 1992, Dr. Hopps was admitted to the Pre-Trial Intervention program in Burlington County for a period of six months conditioned upon his paying restitution in the amount of \$1,385.57 to the New Jersey Division of Taxation and \$8,018.57 to the Internal Revenue Service.

On three occasions letters were forwarded to Dr. Hopps at the Pinelands Veterinary Clinic at mailing addresses listed by the Board. On all three occasions the letters were returned indicating that the address was incorrect and/or that a forwarding order had expired. Dr. Hopps has not contacted the Board to register his new address.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:16-6(i), the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners may suspend or revoke a license to practice veterinary medicine in this State upon proof to the

satisfaction of the Board that a licensee has committed acts of fraud or dishonesty. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:16-9.4, every practitioner of veterinary medicine is required to report to the Board in writing any change in his place of practice within 30 days of such change. Based on Dr. Hopps' statement when arrested as well as the reports of investigation by the Enforcement Bureau and by the Economic Crimes Unit, Burlington County, and based on Dr. Hopps' failure to report an address change, this Board is satisfied that sufficient grounds exist for the revocation of the license of David C. Hopps, D.V.M.

Based on the aforesaid findings,

IT IS on this 26 day of May, 1993

ORDERED that the license to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey issued to David C. Hopps, D.V.M., be and hereby is revoked, and it is further

ORDERED that David C. Hopps, D.V.M., shall cease, desist and refrain from the practice of veterinary medicine in New Jersey.

A copy of this Order shall be mailed by registered mail, certified receipt requested, to respondent David C. Hopps, D.V.M., at the address which he most recently provided to the Board, as well as at any other address which may be provided. If Dr. Hopps wishes to present information refuting any of the factual findings made herein, such information must be presented within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, and the Board will thereafter determine if future proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental

submission within the thirty-day period, or if the Board is unable to serve Dr. Hopps with a copy of this Order, this Order shall become final.

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